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In Re Application of:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination  
(RCE) filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

### **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

The following amendments and remarks are proposed in response to the Final Office Action mailed May 21, 2003, and the Advisory Action mailed August 5, 2003.

Claims 1-27, 31-40, and 49 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1, 6-9, 14, 16, 17, 22, 24-27, 31, 32, 37-40, and 49 stand rejected, and claims 2-5, 10-13, 15, 18-21, 23, and 33 stand objected to. Claims 34-36 have been allowed.

Applicants propose herein to amend claims 25 and 32. Claim 25 was amended to clarify the claim language. Claim 32 was amended simply to correct matters of form. The amendments to each of claims 25 and 32 are identical to those proposed in Applicants' prior response submitted on July 18, 2003. These claim amendments are being introduced a second time because the Advisory Action of August 5 does not indicate that the amendments proposed in Applicants' prior response were entered.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments set forth herein and the accompanying remarks below.